

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

GOVERNMENT

Introduced by: (GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING ETHICS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1-95 of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 3 October 1, 2019):
- 4 (a) Each registrant shall file every two years with the Office of State
- 5 Ethics on a registration form signed under penalty of false statement,
- 6 on or before January fifteenth of odd-numbered years or prior to the
- 7 commencement of lobbying, whichever is later. If the registrant is not
- 8 an individual, an authorized officer or agent of the registrant shall sign
- 9 the form. Such registration shall be on a form prescribed by the board
- 10 and shall include:
- 11 (1) If the registrant is an individual, the registrant's name,
- 12 permanent address and temporary address while lobbying and the
- 13 name, address and nature of business of any person who compensates
- or reimburses, or agrees to compensate or reimburse, the registrant
- and the terms of the compensation, reimbursement or agreement, but

- shall not include the compensation paid to an employee for [his] <u>such</u> employee's involvement in activities other than lobbying;
- 18 (2) If the registrant is a corporation, the name, address, place of incorporation and the principal place of business of the corporation;
 - (3) If the registrant is an association, group of persons or an organization, the name and address of the principal officers and directors of such association, group of persons or organization. If the registrant is formed primarily for the purpose of lobbying, it shall disclose the name and address of any person contributing three thousand dollars or more to the registrant's lobbying activities in any calendar year;
 - (4) If the registrant is not an individual, the name and address of each individual who will lobby on the registrant's behalf; and
- 29 (5) The identification, with reasonable particularity, of areas of 30 legislative or administrative action on which the registrant expects to 31 lobby, including the names of executive agencies and quasi-public 32 agencies and, where applicable, solicitations for state contracts and 33 procurements.
- Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 1-96 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):
 - (b) Each individual communicator lobbyist registrant and each business organization communicator lobbyist registrant shall file with the Office of State Ethics between the first and tenth day of January a report or reports, signed under penalty of false statement, reporting the amounts of compensation and reimbursement received from each of his clients during the previous year. In addition, each individual communicator lobbyist registrant and each business organization communicator lobbyist registrant shall report: (1) [Report the] The fundamental terms of contracts, agreements or promises to pay or receive compensation or reimbursement or to make expenditures in

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furtherance of lobbying, including the categories of work to be performed and the dollar value or compensation rate of the contract, at the time of registration; (2) [report,] in accordance with the schedule set forth in subsection (a) of this section, any amendments to these fundamental terms, including any agreements to subcontract lobbying work; and (3) [report,] in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any expenditures for the benefit of a public official in the legislative or executive branch or a member of the staff or immediate family of such official which are unreimbursed and required to be itemized. Such report shall not include the disclosure of food and beverage provided by a communicator lobbyist registrant to a public official in the legislative or executive branch or a member of his staff or immediate family at a major life event, as defined by the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board, of the registrant. All such information shall be reported under penalty of false statement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	1-95(a)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2019	1-96(b)

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